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In re Patent Application of:	)	<b>Mail Stop Amendment</b>
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Application No.: 10/813,590	)	Examiner: Kuen S. LU
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Filed: March 31, 2004	)	Confirmation No. 4340
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For: LOCATING MEANINGFUL	)	
STOPWORDS OR STOP-PHRASES	)	
IN KEYWORD-BASED	)	
RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS	)	

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action, dated September 22, 2006, Applicants  
amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.